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SUBJECT: "NEW LIFE" INTERAGENCY RELATIONSHIPS ON GUAM

REF: A) WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDUM DATED 18 APRIL 1975

B) STATE 091721 (NOTAL)

C) SECDEF 8949 (NOTAL)

D) STATE 092891 (NOTAL)

1. REF. A ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR DEAN BROWN TO INTER ALIA COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF EVACUATION OF U.S. CITIZENS AND CERTAIN ALIENS FROM VIETNAM. REF. B TASKED DOD, UNDER THE OVERALL COORDINATION OF AMBASSADOR BROWN INTER ALIA TO BE PREPARED TO HOLD, WITH OTHER AGENCIES' SUPPORT, UP TO 50,000 VIETNAMESE EVACUEES FOR A PERIOD UP TO 90 DAYS, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A LONGER PERIOD; UNTIL SUCH TIME AS STATE AND JUSTICE PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINAL DISPOSITION. REF. C ANNOUNCED GUAM AS A SAFEHAVEN. REF. D PROVIDED INITIAL CONCEPT FOR THE GUAM SAFEHAVEN FOR OPERATION "NEW LIFE" AND ANNOUNCED DISPATCH OF AN INTERAGENCY ADVANCE PARTY TO COORDINATE WITH AND ASSIST WHERE POSSIBLE THE CINCPAC MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE ON GUAM WHO WILL FUNCTION AS THE DIRECTOR FOR EVACUATION ACTIVITIES, GUAM (DEAG).

2. THE DEAG HAS DIRECTIVE AUTHORITY WITH REGARD TO ALL OTHER USG AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN "NEW LIFE" EVACUATION/ RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS ON GUAM. SUCH AUTHORITY DOES NOT IMPLY ANY DEGRADING OF U.S. MILITARY CAPABILITIES ON GUAM OR ELSEWHERE AUTHORIZED BY JCS THROUGH APPROPRIATE MILITARY CHANNELS.

3. THE DEAG WILL SOLICIT COOPERATION OF VOLUNTEER AGENCIES (VOLAGS) ASSISTING IN THE "NEW LIFE" EFFORT, IN-SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO PRECLUDE REDUNDANT OR COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES. USG AGENCIES IN CONTACT WITH VOLAGS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIST DEAG IN THIS REGARD. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS ALREADY AGREED TO DISTRIBUTE P.L. 480 TITLE II FOOD TO THE EVACUEES AND IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE DEAG ON DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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4. IT IS THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE "NEW LIFE" PROGRAM TO RESETTLE EVACUEES TO FINAL LOCATIONS AS SWIFTLY AS POSSIBLE. FIRST PRIORITY AMONG CATEGORIES OF EVACUEES IS AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, USC OR FOREIGN NATIONAL. SECOND PRIORITY IS FOR RELATIVES/DEPENDENTS OF RESIDENT ALIENS WHO ARE DOCUMENTED AND QUICKLY PROCESS-

ABLE. HOWEVER, CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO FULLY DOCUMENT
ALL ONWARD TRAVELERS. ADDITIONALLY, ALL FEASIBLE STEPS
SHOULD BE TAKEN TO IDENTIFY AND/OR VALIDATE IN ADVANCE
POTENTIAL SPONSORS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ARRIVING IN
CONUS OR OTHER POTENTIAL RESETTLEMENT LOCATIONS. THE
DEAG MUST RELY ON HIS OTHER USG AGENCIES STAFF REPS. TO
THIS END.

5. REQUEST AMBASSADOR BROWN'S TASK FORCE BE INFO
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